



**Boston City Council**  
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City Councillor At-Large

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Mr. John Auerbach, Commissioner  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Public Health  
250 Washington Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Auerbach,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed transaction between Steward Health Care and Caritas Christi Health Care (parent company of Carney Hospital).

Carney Hospital is a local institution which is an anchor in the community. The combination of this local provider with a vibrant and financially sound health care network will provide solutions to many of the existing challenges which Carney Hospital presently faces alone. These two entities together will combine to provide a foundation for a long term positive impact for neighborhood of Dorchester and the City of Boston as a whole. Together this union should result in the following:

- Solidification of the long-term stability of the Commonwealth's tenth largest employer with more than 1150 employees at Carney Hospital alone and 12,000 employees system-wide;
- Permanent security for the pensions of almost 13,000 current and former Caritas employees;
- The conversion of a previously tax-exempt institution onto the tax roles which will provide much-needed revenue in excess of \$100 million over the first five years alone for the Dorchester and the City of Boston;
- Through this transaction, a commitment has been made to keep Caritas a Massachusetts-based company;
- The generation of 4,000 new jobs for Massachusetts through capital spending and construction projects which, also, should result in improved care delivered by the hospital;

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- A \$100 million initial capital commitment from Steward for Caritas hospitals that will result in 117,000 square feet of new space and includes \$10.2 million for a new 18,600 square foot Operating Room Suite;
- The continuation of the Caritas and Carney Hospital mission of providing high-quality low cost health care in the community which included 6,400 patient discharges and 30,000 Emergency Department visits in 2009.
- Continued commitment through the maintenance of \$67 million in annual community benefit spending to preserve existing programs such as community health screenings and community health education.

I wholeheartedly support this transaction and urge you to expedite your approval of this transaction in order to create greater stability and positive benefit for the residents of Dorchester and the taxpayers of the City of Boston. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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